



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Lawrence B. KOOL et al.
Serial No.	09/771,186 ✓
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For	A METHOD FOR REMOVING OXIDES AND COATINGS FROM A SUBSTRATE ✓
Examiner	BiBi Sharidan Carrillo
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST NON-FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AFTER RCE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be considered.